

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

S.J.R. 21, § 2

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

Adopted by the Senate on March 3, 2005: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 9, 2005: Yeas 31, Nays 0; adopted by the House, with amendment, on May 2, 2005: Yeas 142, Nays 0, three present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 11b to read as follows:

Sec. 11b. VIOLATION OF CONDITION OF RELEASE PENDING TRIAL; DENIAL OF BAIL. Any person accused of a felony in this state who is released on bail pending trial and whose bail is subsequently revoked or forfeited for a violation of a condition of release may be denied bail pending trial on a determination by a district judge in this state, at a subsequent hearing to set or reinstate bail, that the person violated a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

Adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2005: Yeas 25, Nays 0; adopted by the House on May 9, 2005: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 21

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. (a) The Legislature shall have authority to define interest and fix maximum rates of interest; provided, however, in the absence of legislation fixing maximum rates of interest all contracts for a greater rate of interest than ten per centum (10%) per annum shall be deemed usurious; provided, further, that in contracts where no rate of interest is agreed upon, the rate shall not exceed six per centum (6%) per annum.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the Legislature, with respect to commercial loans, may create exemptions from the maximum rates of interest. For purposes of this subsection, "commercial loan" means a loan made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or

against the proposition: “The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans.”

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S.J.R. No. 40

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment clearing land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 2C to read as follows:

Sec. 2C. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, the State of Texas relinquishes and releases any claim of sovereign ownership or title to an interest in and to the tracts of land, including mineral rights, described as follows:

Tract 1:

The first tract of land is situated in Upshur County, Texas, about 14 miles South 30 degrees east from Gilmer, the county seat, and is bounded as follows: Bound on the North by the J. Manning Survey, A-314 the S.W. Beasley Survey A-66 and the David Meredith Survey A-315 and bound on the East by the M. Mann Survey, A-302 and by the M. Chandler Survey, A-84 and bound on the South by the G. W. Hooper Survey, A-657 and by the D. Ferguson Survey, A-158 and bound on the West by the J. R. Wadkins Survey, A-562 and the H. Alsup Survey, A-20, and by the W. Bratton Survey, A-57 and the G. H. Burroughs Survey, A-30 and the M. Tidwell Survey, A-498 of Upshur County, Texas.

Tract 2:

The second tract of land is situated in Smith County, Texas, north of Tyler and is bounded as follows: on the north and west by the S. Leeper A-559, the Frost Thorn Four League Grant A-3, A-9, A-7, A-19, and the H. Jacobs A-504 and on the south and east by the following surveys: John Carver A-247, A. Loverly A-609, J. Gimble A-408, R. Conner A-239, N.J. Blythe A-88, N.J. Blythe A-89, J. Choate A-195, Daniel Minor A-644, William Keys A-527, James H. Thomas A-971, Seaborn Smith A-899, and Samuel Leeper A-559.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) any public right-of-way, including a public road right-of-way, or related interest owned by a governmental entity;

(2) any navigable waterway or related interest owned by a governmental entity; or

(3) any land owned by a governmental entity and reserved for public use, including a park, recreation area, wildlife area, scientific area, or historic site.

(c) This section is self-executing.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: “The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County.”

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